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SUBJECT: CLERIDES SAYS HIS APPOINTMENT NOT PERMANENT

IN A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY THE NEWLY SWORN ~~BY~~ PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, GLAFKOS CLERIDES, SAID HIS APPOINTMENT WAS NOT PERMANENT. CLERIDES POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS FULFILLING HIS CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE WHICH CALLS FOR HIM, AS THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY WHEN THE PRESIDENT RESIGNS. CLERIDES SAID HE WANTS ELECTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT AND THE PRESIDENCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CONSTITUTION DOES IN FACT CALL FOR ELECTIONS WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF AN "ACTING PRESIDENT."

CLERIDES ALSO SAID THAT THE RETURN OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TO CYPRUS WAS A MATTER "FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE "UNWISE" FOR MAKARIOS TO RETURN AT THE PRESENT TIME. ASKED WHETHER SAMPSON WOULD BE ON TRIAL, CLERIDES SAID HE DID NOT WANT ANY TRIALS OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT COULD LEAD TO MORE

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TENSION ON THE ISLAND. CLERIDES SAID HIS MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO
 SEE THAT THE STATE OF CYPRUS ¹⁵ ~~WAS~~ NOT ABOLISHED AND TO ENFORCE THE
 CEASE-FIRE IN NICOSIA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE ISLAND.
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